

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 9, 10, 14, and 15.

Amend claims 8 and 13 as set forth below:

- 1 8. A slider for supporting a transducer for use in a disk drive, comprising:
2 a supporting structure having a top surface including a pocket, a leading edge, a trailing edge,
3 lateral edges extending between the leading and trailing edges, corners located at intersections
4 between the leading edge, the lateral edges, and the trailing edge;
5 a plurality of air bearing protrusions protruding from the pocket;
6 at least one shock-absorbing protrusion protruding from the pocket and having a height with
7 respect to the pocket that differs from a height of the plurality of air bearing protrusions, such that
8 the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion is discontinuous with the plurality of air bearing
9 protrusions; wherein
10 each of the air bearing protrusions and the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion has a
11 protruding end that defines an air bearing surface, and the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion
12 comprises a material that is softer than the supporting structure; and wherein
13 the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion comprises a plurality of shock-absorbing protrusions,
14 each of which is located at a respective one of the corners of the top surface of the supporting
15 structure.

- 1 13. A magnetic recording device for reading or writing magnetically, comprising in combination:
2 a disk comprising a substrate and a metallic magnetic layer;

3 a head support on a slider for magnetically reading data to or writing data from the magnetic
4 layer on the disk, the slider comprising a supporting structure having a top surface with a pocket, the
5 top surface of the supporting structure having a leading edge, a trailing edge, lateral edges extending
6 between the leading and trailing edges, and a plurality of corners located at intersections of the
7 leading edge, the lateral edges, and the trailing edge;

8 a plurality of air bearing protrusions protruding from the pocket, each of the air bearing
9 protrusions having a protruding end that defines an air bearing surface, wherein at least some of the
10 air bearing protrusions are shock-absorbing protrusions, each having a height relative to the pocket
11 that differs from a height of other ones of the air bearing protrusions, such that the shock-absorbing
12 protrusions are discontinuous with said other ones of the air bearing protrusions, and at least the air
13 bearing surfaces of the shock-absorbing protrusions comprise a material that is softer than the
14 supporting structure;

15 a motor operable to rotate the disk;

16 an actuator connected to the slider for moving a head across the disk; and wherein

17 each of the shock-absorbing protrusions is located at a respective one of the corners of the top
18 surface of the supporting structure.